

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, April 17th 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor; Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Absent none.

The minutes of the regular meetings of April 3rd & 10th 1913, 1913, and subsequent recessed meetings were read and adopted.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That upon the recommendation of the Supt of Police and Public Safety Henry Grimes be and he is hereby appointed and confirmed as one of the Assistant Operators of Combination Chemical and Hose wagon No 2, during the absence of Geo Pendexter, Chief Operator, and shall receive the compensation fixed for Assistant Operator from April 1st, 1913.

The Nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Not voting Councilman Hart 1

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Upon recommendation of the City Marshal and Supt of Police and Public Safety:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the following fines be and are hereby remitted :

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none. Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

*Fines & Penalties
Fees remitted*

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Upon the recommendation of the City Marshal and the Supt of Police and Public Safety

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the following Pound Fees be and are hereby remitted :

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

City Pound.

March 29th.....G.S.Hamby one Cow. \$1.50

March.29th.....Mrs.Misruky One Cow \$1.50

March.6th.....Amos Roundtree One Mule \$1.50

April 10th.....Jim Turpen.....One Horse \$1.50

April 13thFrank Bowles...17head of Cattle \$25.50

April 16th.....Mr.Pappe 1 Cow got loose from the old man and he could not catch her,he then rang the office and asked the officers to lookout for her \$1.50

March. 29d

City Pound.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report by the City Clerk:

Austin, Texas, April 8th 1913.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.,

City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

As required by the City Charter, I beg to report the following as the result of the election held in this City on Monday April 7th 1913, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and four Councilmen ,to serve this City for the ensuing two years ,as same has been reported to me by the Judges of Election in the various wards of the City .

Total number of votes cast in said election	3415
For Mayor A P Wooldridge Received	3262 votes
For Councilmen :	896
W B Anthony received	2155 votes
E C Bartholomew received	2845 "
Andy J Byas received	528 "
Jas P Hart received	1390 "
H L Haynes received	2939 "
P W Powell received	2704 "
Jan P Wallace received	690 "

The report was received, read and ordered filed and recorded in the minutes of the Council.

The Mayor declared the following as duly elected as Mayor and Councilmen for the two years ending April 1915, viz :

Mayor ,A P Wooldridge,
Councilmen W B Anthony, E C Bartholomew, H L Haynes & Pw Powell.

The newly elected Councilmen were then sworn in by the Mayor, after which the Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected Mayor by Councilman Bartholomew, Mayor Pro Tem.

The following address by Ex-Councilman Hart was read and ordered recorded in the minutes of the Council :

To the Mayor and Council :

In severing my connection with the City Administration. I desire to express my appreciation to you Mr Mayor and you gentlemen of the Council for the courteous consideration shown me during the period of our association .Three of you besides my self went into office four years ago when the commission form of government was first inaugurated ,and one of you two years ago . All of this time we have labored together harmoniously and I believe for the best interest of the City ,as we saw it.

Under this administration Austin has been made a cleaner ,better and more progressive City. The improvements made have been phenominal, both morally and physically, and the improvements now under way will throw Austin far to the front as the most progressive City in the State.

Since coming into this Office I have alienated many friends because of my unalterable determination to do what I conscienciously believed was right in administering the affairs of the department assigned me, and, as I believed

Report City Clerk
received by
Election

City
Off. declared
elected & sworn in

to the best interest to the City and people. Perhaps in some instances my judgment was at fault, but regardless of all personal or selfish motives and much to my detriment I have conscientiously discharged every duty incumbent upon me without fear, favor or hope of reward. No personal consideration has actuated me in the discharge of what I conceived to be my duty, but I have acted with an eye singly for the good of our City, to enforce the law as I construed it, and make Austin a cleaner, better City, the pride of our people and of our State; but a certain class of the Citizens of Austin resented this and the consequence is that in a few minutes I shall give back to the people the trust confided to me feeling that the trust so given has been faithfully and conscientiously discharged and that the work performed in the department represented by me will bear good fruit and it will be a pleasing memory to me to feel that I have been the humble instrument in doing some good for the City I love and the people who have honored me; and to the men whom I had the honor to appoint and who assisted me so faithfully in the discharge of these duties all honor is due, and may those of them who were faithful receive their reward of duty well and faithfully performed. To my successor I can truthfully extend congratulations, but will extend my sympathy, which perhaps he will not appreciate at this time but will before his term of office expires, and I also desire to assure him of my good will, and tender to him any assistance in my power to assist him in the arduous duties which he assumes- the past so far as I am concerned is buried, and all I desire is the good of Austin and her people.

Jas P Hart.

The Mayor stated that the next business in order would be the distribution among the Council of the different duties of the members of the Council.

Mayor Wooldridge nominated Councilman Haynes for the department of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts. which nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Anthony, & Powell 4.

Not voting Councilman Haynes 1

Mayor Wooldridge then nominated Councilman Bartholomew as Supt of Parks and Public Property, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Not voting Councilman Bartholomew 1

Mayor Wooldridge Nominated Councilman P W Powell, as Supt of Streets and Public Improvements, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Not voting Councilman Powell 1

Mayor Wooldridge Nominated Councilman Anthony to be Supt of Police and Public Safety, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Not voting Councilman Anthony 1

Councilman Powell nominated Councilman Bartholomew for the position of Mayor Pro-tem of the Council, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Councilman Powell receiving 1 vote;

The Mayor declared Councilman Bartholomew duly elected as Mayor Pro-Tem, for the ensuing term.

*Duties of
City Councilmen
Announced*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following reports of City Officers, viz: Assistant City Clerk for Feby and March 1913, Sanitary Inspector March, Plumbing Inspector for March, which were read and ordered filed.

Unfinished business :

Sidewalk East

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the construction of certain sidewalks and curbs on East 5th street in the City of Austin, Texas.

The resolution was read and adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Sidewalk East

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the construction of certain sidewalks and curbs on West 6th street in the City of Austin, Texas.

The resolution was read and adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the construction of certain sidewalks and curbs on East 6th street in the City of Austin, Texas

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

New Business:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

*Street Grades
Alley bet 5th & 6th
Brazos & San Jacinto*

That the following grades be ,and the same are hereby established as the permanent grades for the alley between 5th & 6th streets from Brazos to San Jacinto streets ,elevations being taken from the top of the fire plug at the S E corner of Brazos and 6th streets ,sea level elevation 494.2.

At the East side of Brazos street 489.6

162 ' east of Brazos street 490.3

At the west side of San Jacinto 489.8

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none. Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the following grades be, and the same are hereby established as the permanent grades for North Congress Avenue from the Capitol to 19th street.

Grades N Congress Ave

The bench mark used is the fire plug at the S E corner of Congress Avenue and 16th street, elevation 549.77'

On Bitulithic pavement at North end of Capitol grounds 549.98'

Center of 15th street 547.5'

North line of 15th street 547.5'

South line of 16th street 548.5'

(The above recommended grades make practically no change in the present grade in the center line of the Avenue)

Center of 16th street 548.4 Cut .39

North Curb line of 16th street 548.2' cut .3'

North line of 16th street	547.8'	cut .3'
North line of 17th street	536.95'	Unchanged
(Maximum cut between last two points .5)		
South curb line of 17th street	536.45'	Fill .1'
Center of 17th street	536	Fill .3'
North curb line of 17th street	535.65'	Cut .06'
North line of 17th street	535.4'	cut .2'
120' south of 19th street	531.2'	cut .37'
80' south of 19th street	520.8'	cut .6'
South line of 19th street on new Bitulithic pavement	529.85'	

(The maximum cut between 17th and 19th streets is .8')

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Nays Councilman Bartholomew 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

1st That a temporary grade be given to J M Crawford, for curbing at N W corner of Congress Avenue and Elizabeth street South Austin, the grade of said curbing at a point at right angles to Congress Avenue lot 9 at the S E corner of his building to be the same level as present grade of car track opposite to same, and the grade of curbing at a point at right angles to the Congress Avenue line at the northeast corner of his building to be 3'-1 1/2" above the present level of the car track opposite to same.

2nd, That the aforesaid temporary grade be revocable by the City Council at any time on thirty days notice.

3rd. That the aforesaid temporary grade be and is given with the proviso that no concrete sidewalk shall be constructed thereon, and that the plank or gravel walk shall be put in with a safe and convenient run-off to the adjoining sidewalk.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the resignation of C B Weller, Assistant City Physician, to take effect April 17th, 1913, be and is hereby accepted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The following resolutions passed by the Council on the 16th of April, were by an oversight NOT entered in their proper place, and are hereby entered. Clerk

Grade Station
Cong Ave & Elizabeth
267

Resignation
C B Weller

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That

..That the sum of five hundred ,sixty four and 34/100 ' 564.34) dollars be transferred from the appropriation made in the budget for the year 1913, " For purchase of Motor apparatus,hose and miscellaneous" to the appropriation made for " Repairs to Fire Halls" to reimburse the latter account for interest paid on fire Department notes and charged to it.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge,Councilmen Bartholomew,Hart,Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

To adjust accounts,Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the sum of three hundred eighty and 60/100(380.60) dollars be transferred from the Permanent Street fund to the General Street fund--also transfer nine and 35/100(\$ 9.35) dollars from Permanent Street fund to General Street fund.

Also two hundred ninety eight and 60/100(\$ 298.60) dollars from Permanent Street fund to General Street fund--Also eleven (\$11.00) dollars from Permanent fund to General Street fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew,Hart,Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it is desired to construct a building upon Lot 1 Block 123,original City of Austin ,this being located on the northeast corner of Congress Avenue and 10th street; and,

Whereas ,the building now located on that lot encroaches upon 10th street at the west end of the building 1,35' ,which encroachments have been in existence as shown by the attached affidavit for a period of forty five years, thus giving the owners prescriptive rights to the present occupancy of the grounds; and,

Whereas, a building upon lot 2 encroaches upon lot 1,to the extent of 1' 2" this distance being taken to the middle of the party wall making it necessary for the owners of lot 1 to continue an encroachment upon 10th street in order to ~~XXXXXX~~ retain possession of the full width of the lot,namely 42 2/3'; therefore ,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the 10th street line now occupied by the buildings upon said lot No 1, Block 123, be recognized as the permanent line of said lot on 10th street, and that the owners of said lot No1, be and are hereby allowed to construct their building upon said line.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew,Hart,Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Transfer from
Fire Dept

Transfer funds
Street funds

Location of lot
line on Congress

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of one hundred fifty and 25/100 (\$ 150.25) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General contingent fund in payment of the net balance of costs due Geo S Matthews, Sheriff of Travis County ,in suits in the Dist Court of Travis County Texas, Numbered and described as follows :

No 29015 ,City of Austin vs Thos Plummer et al	\$	31.80
No 29016 " Allen Hodges et al		33.95
No 29017 " Violet Norman et al		28.95
No 28947 " RS Harrison et al		42.15
" Green Dennis & Eliza Dennis		13.40
Total	\$	150.25

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A F Wooldridge, Mayor.

April 17th 1913.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Austin to execute and deliver certain certificates of debt of the City of Austin, Texas, to the Austin Sewerage Co, upon the conditions named in this ordinance; making appropriations for the cash payment due said the Austin Sewerage Co and for certain interest to become due; and levying taxes for the payment of said certificates of debt and interest thereon.

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

*Sherriff Court
dist court*

*Mayor Wooldridge
Certificate
indebtedness
Austin Sewerage Co.*

Friday April 18th 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the improvement of a certain part of Neches street in the City of Austin, and approving specification proposals, contract and bond therefor.

The resolution was passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the improvement of a certain portion of Red River street, in the City of Austin, and approving specifications, proposals, contract and bond therefor,

The resolution was read the second time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the improvement of a certain portion of Trinity street in the City of Austin, and approving specifications, proposals, contract and bond therefor.

The resolution was read the second time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Wednesday April 23rd 1913,

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City Of Austin :

That permit be and is hereby granted to the Ladies of the Calvary Baptist Church of this City to erect and maintain for forty-eight hours or so much of that time as they may desire, a canvass sign across the sidewalk in front of the store-house situated at 906 Congress Avenue .

The canvas sign herein authorized is to be at least nine feet above the ground, to be securely attached to the building or awning, or both, in front of which it is placed, and is to have the words " Dinner"- Calvary Baptist Church " printed thereon.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor .

Contract paving
Neches street

Contract paving
Red River st

Contract paving
Trinity st

Church Ladies to
erect sign

Tuesday April 22nd 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present:

Councilman Powell presented bids for putting in Sewers, in accordance with advertisement, from the following named parties, viz:

J W Moore & Son

F D Horton

Johnson & Carr,

which bids were read and referred to the Engineer in charge of Sewer work for calculation and report,

The Council then recessed until 10 O'clock A M tomorrow April 23 dr 1913.

Austin, April 23rd 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

(1) That contract No 7, for sewer work in East Austin, be and is hereby awarded, for the price of \$ 6,711.08, to the firm of Jonson & Carr of Austin, Texas.

(2) That contract No 8, for laying the sewer of mains in East Austin, is hereby awarded to J W Moore & Sons of Fort Worth, for the price of \$ 14,828.51,

(3) That contract No 9, likewise for laying of sewer mains in East Austin, be and is hereby awarded to F D Horton of Houston, for the price of \$ 9,605.69

Be it further resolved:

That the Mayor be and he is hereby instructed to return to each of the above named bidders the checks representing their unsuccessful bids.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Council on April 18th 1913, but was not handed to the Clerk until this morning, and is hereby recorded as of this date.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City Of Austin:

That fifty (\$50.00) dollars out of the General contingent fund be and the same is hereby appropriated to assist in the decoration of the streets of the City of Austin upon the occasion of the meeting of the Sons of Herman in this City for four days in the year 1913, beginning on the 20th day of April.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Also the following resolution unanimously passed by the Council on April 17th 1913.

Whereas, East 5th street will be paved with Bitulithic from Congress Avenue to East Avenue in this City; and,

Whereas, it is the fixed policy of this Council in all instances to remove the obstructions from the streets preliminary to the permanent paving of the same.

Therefore:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the platform scales now located and in position at the Southwest corner of 5th and

*Bidging done
Lottle*

*Appropriation to
Decorate the
Sons of Herman
Meeting*

*Platform Road
5th & Red River
ordered removed*

.Red River streets in this City ,be and the same are hereby ordered and directed to
to be removed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.